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Dear Friend,

As the first session of the 111th Congress comes to a close this month, there is still work to be done in Washington, D.C. and back home in California. Before we officially wrap up the first session of this Congress, I want to update you on some current events.

#### **Sheldon Interchange Opening**

It was great to participate in the grand opening for the new interchange at Sheldon Road and Highway 99 in Elk Grove when I was home in the District last week. This project will allow our neighbors in Elk Grove and Sacramento to travel that section of the road with less congestion and safer traffic flows thanks to the new bike lanes, medians and sidewalks. I was pleased to be able to collaborate with the state and local authorities to see this important project to completion by securing federal funding that went toward the \$80 million project cost. Also, as Mayor Pat Hume pointed out, "Improvements are vital to the region's economic prosperity and the quality of life." Browse my photo album of the event [here](#).

#### **Climate Control**

Climate change entered the news with a new dynamic late in November when it was reported that top climate change researchers withheld and manipulated data in order to bolster the case for man-made climate change. Although the investigation is ongoing, it is in this environment that the President travels to Copenhagen to meet with United Nations' members on a climate change treaty. Please read my past e-newsletter on cap and trade policies [here](#).

Additionally, this week the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it would begin to regulate carbon dioxide (CO2) as a pollutant. This move by a federal agency allows the unelected organization to circumvent the legislative process and enact regulations on carbon dioxide without the consent of Congress or the American people. Watch my address to Congress on this decision [here](#).

I believe that we need to take care of our environment, but that we can do so in innovative ways that expand rather than restrict our freedom and our economy. Please read

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than restrict our freedom and our economy. Please read about some of my environmental initiatives [here](#).

### **Afghanistan**

President Obama recently charted the future course of the war against al Qaeda and the Taliban in the Afghanistan theater. It is my view that the President correctly assessed the threat posed to the safety and security of the United States and our allies when he said:

*I am convinced that our security is at stake in Afghanistan and Pakistan. This is the epicenter of violent extremism practiced by al Qaeda. ...this danger will only grow if the region slides backwards, and al Qaeda can operate with impunity. We must keep the pressure on al Qaeda, and to do that, we must increase the stability and capacity of our partners in the region.*

Based on this assessment, the decision to deploy an additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan was appropriate. Furthermore, his call for our NATO allies to increase their commitment to the war effort is also necessary.

At the same time the decision to announce a planned troop withdrawal after 18 months raises questions. General McCrystal has outlined plans for the implementation of a counter-insurgency strategy. This entails the need to convince Afghans to extricate the Taliban and al Qaeda and to reestablish traditional social structures.

If Afghans believe that our commitment to them is limited to a specific date, the knowledge that the Taliban has no such limitation will make our objectives more difficult to accomplish. Although the ambivalent nature of the new Afghanistan strategy may work against its eventual success, Congress should do its part to make the implementation of the new plan successful.

As we close out the first session of this Congress, please stay in touch with me so that I can continue to learn your insights and views. You can reach me by e-mail using the webform on my [website](#) or by calling my Gold River office at (916) 859-9906.

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